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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LORD CARRINGTON TO WASHINGTON

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1. LORD CARRINGTON, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE, DISCUSSED WITH ME THIS MORNING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON AUG 1-2. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO TALKS WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER ON MATTERS WHICH STAFFS ON BOTH SIDES ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS.

2. LORD CARRINGTON SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO USE HIS SECOND DAY IN WASHINGTON TO TALK WITH SOME KEY SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN IN ORDER TO GIVE FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE EFFORT AND EUROPEAN VIEWS ON POLICY. HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE USEFUL TO THE ADMINISTRATION. HE INDICATED THAT BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON WOULD BE CONCERTING WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND STATE TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE LEGISLATORS. HE ASKED IF I WOULD LET WASHINGTON KNOW OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH KEY MEMBERS OF SENATE AND HOUSE AND HIS DESIRE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

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3. I STRONGLY URGE THAT STATE AND DEFENSE TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF CARRINGTON'S PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON VIS-A-VIS CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. HE IS PROBABLY THE ABLEST DEFENSE MINISTER IN EUROPE AND ONE OF THE SOUNDEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE EXPONENTS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS ARRANGED FOR HIM WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO US POLICY.

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